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SUBJECT: ISRAEL-LEBANON MIXED ARMISTICE AGREEMENT: TIMEO
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1. WE THINK TUENI IS TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT. REAFFIRMATION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BY ISRAELIS IS UNLIKELY TO BE REGARDED AS GREAT SUCCESS FOR SARKIS GOVERNMENT. COMING IN PRESENT CLIMATE OF ARAB SUSPICIONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN TIES WITH ISRAELIS, IT IS MORE LIKELY TO BE REGARDED AS A FAUX PAS BECAUSE MOST ARABS WILL ASSUME ISRAELIS HAVE ULTERIOR MOTIVE WHICH GOL EITHER TOO NAIVE TO SEE, OR IN WHICH IT IS CONNVING. THEY WILL ASK WHY JUST LEBANON AND NOT SYRIA, JORDAN AND EGYPT?

2. REAFFIRMATION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT MAY VERY WELL BE USEFUL STEP, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD GET OURSELVES IN POSITION OF ENCOURAGING ANYBODY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. THESE ARE UNCHARTERED WATERS.

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3. BOUTROS, INCIDENTALLY, HAS NEVER RAISED QUESTION WITH ME AGAIN, NOR HAS HE MENTIONED LEBANESE REPLY TO SYG'S NOTE. I WONDER IF HE KNOWS ABOUT IT.
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